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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 9, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

A clean version of amended claims 6 and 10 are provided herewith in **Attachment A**. It will be noted that claims 6 and 10 have been amended relative to the previously provided version as shown by the marked up version thereof in **Attachment B** provided herewith.

REMARKS

Claims 6-10 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 6 and 10 have been amended. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections based on the discussion which follows.

Claims 6 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Sony Corp., JP 04-346428 (hereinafter "Sony"). Claims 6, 7 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Gabric et al. (U.S. Patent 5,281,302 (hereinafter "Gabric") in view of Sony.